

MINUTES  
TOWN OF GROTON  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
APRIL 19, 2011 - 7:00 P.M.  
GROTON TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

Members Present: Nado, Sarasin, Cole, Vaughn (7:07)  
Alternates Present: None  
Staff: Quinn, Galetta

Chairman Nado called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Cole read the Call of the Hearing.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

HDC 11-10 – 4 Pearl Street; Irish Eyes LLC, owner; Leo Roche, applicant; Exhaust fan. PIN #261918319034

Leo Roche, owner of Harp & Hound located at 4 Pearl Street, presented to the Commission to request approval for a slightly larger exterior exhaust fan. There is an existing fan located on the roof at the rear of the building that does not meet fire code. The owner advised the Commission that the roof on the structure is small and slightly pitched with a ridge. The new fan will be 40” high, which will meet the fire code, and will be placed in the same location. The Commission felt that the building is utilitarian in nature and that it is reasonable for the mechanicals to be placed on the outside.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Pictures
- Diagram

Chairman Nado asked for comments in favor or against and there were none. The public hearing closed at 7:10 p.m.

HDC 11-11 – 31 Water Street; Randalls Wharf Co LLC, owner; Barbara Kleeman, applicant; Signage. PIN #261918306046 00B1

Colleen Zimmerman presented to the Commission for Barbara Kleeman who plans to relocate her chiropractic business to 31 Water Street. She is seeking approval for two signs. They will be green with gold painted lettering. The new signs will hang below an existing sign of the same length on the west side of the building.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photograph
- Graphic designs

Chairman Nado asked for comments in favor or against and there were none. The public hearing closed at 7:15 p.m.

HDC 11-12 – 30 Clift Street; Marsh Enquist, owner/applicant; Shingles. PIN #261918421047

Marsh Enquist, owner of 30 Clift Street, presented to the Commission to seek approval to reshingle his roof. The current asphalt shingles are green and he is planning to replace them with a slightly darker shade of green. The shingles he is proposing to use are CertainTeed Landmark Woodscape Premium in hunter green.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Shingle samples

Chairman Nado asked for comments in favor or against and there were none. The public hearing closed at 7:20 p.m.

Chairman Nado closed the public hearing portion of the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

## II. DISCUSSION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARING

HDC 11-10 – 4 Pearl Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Sarasin, seconded by Cole, 3 in favor, 1 abstention (Vaughn). Motion passed. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #1792.

HDC 11-11 – 31 Water Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Vaughn, seconded by Cole, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #1793.

HDC 11-12 – 30 Clift Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Cole, seconded by Vaughn, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #1794.

Cole left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

## III. PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS

Robert Danaher, owner of 23 Gravel Street, appeared before the Commission to request permission to remove a hedge in the rear of his yard. The hedge is located on the north side of the property along Clift Street and is approximately 30' long. He would like to replace it with a freestanding stone wall. The wall will be approximately 2½' high and he is proposing to have it built from flat stone. The hedge is considered vegetation and does not come under the purview of the Commission. The Commission had a concern about the style of the wall in the neighborhood where the property is located. Walls that

are typical to this area of the district near the water tend to be rounder. The Commission felt that a mix of fieldstone and flat stone might work.

Erik Kudlis of Eric's Design Build appeared before the Commission along with Michael Hardesty, owner of 14 Fort Rachel Place. The homeowner would like to tear down the existing deck and build a larger one on the rear of the house with storage area beneath. The original house was built in 1910 and added to in 1996. Based upon the comments from a previous meeting the applicant has redesigned the proposed deck. Although the view of the back of the house from the public way is a distant one, it does come under the jurisdiction of the Commission. The proposed deck will be cut back 4' and shielded by plantings. The homeowner would like to use a maintenance free material, such as Azek, in subdued earth tones to blend with the present color of the house. The storage area will be hidden from view by lattice. The Commission had a concern that an elevated deck might overshadow the house. The Commission also had a concern that the deck material might look too modern. However, with the deck cut back there is less impact to the surrounding area. The homeowner is also proposing to fence the back yard and tie it into the deck. The Commission felt that a wooden picket fence or Mount Vernon style fence would be appropriate as long as the fence is kept at a height close to 4'.

#### IV. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None

#### V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF April 5, 2011

MOTION: To approve the minutes of April 5, 2011

Motion made by Vaughn, seconded by Sarasin, so voted unanimously.

#### VI. OLD BUSINESS

Staff reported that the Town Attorney has reviewed the proposed amendments to the Historic District guidelines and found them to be acceptable. Staff will follow up and put the amendments on a future agenda for public hearing.

#### VII. NEW BUSINESS – None

#### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. made by Sarasin, seconded by Vaughn, so voted unanimously.

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Elaine Cole, Secretary  
Historic District Commission

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